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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re Application Of:) A DISTRIBUTED STEREO SYSTEM
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Serial No.: 09/485,657) Examiner: Minsun Harvey
Filed: March 24, 2000) Art Unit: 2644

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Sir:

This is in response to the Notification of Non-Compliance With 37 CFR 1.192(c) mailed March 8, 2004.

The basis for the stated Non-Compliance was that the brief did not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims in that "or similar" had been omitted from claim 1 in the Appendix.

As discussed with Examiner Harvey and in accordance with the telefax of March 8, 2004, enclosed is a copy of a First Preliminary Amendment Upon Entry Into National Stage filed with the application papers on February 14, 2000. Enclosed is a copy of a return postcard receipt showing receipt of the Preliminary Amendment. As noted in the Preliminary Amendment, the term "(or similar)" was deleted from claim 1. As such, the brief was not defective and should be immediately taken up for consideration.

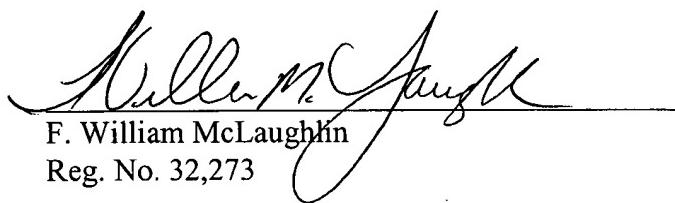
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Applicant notes the Examiner's telephone message that the rejection would be withdrawn because the claims in the amended form had not been addressed. Applicant requests that such action be taken as soon as possible since nine (9) months have passed since the filing of applicant's Brief.

Respectfully submitted,



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